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#### **Greener Pastures and Old Friends**



As we all know its been a rainy spring and summer. Which so happens was pretty tough on my old friend Larry Shogren. Larry is the Trail Ambassador who rode the park on his horse "Spirit." Wet weather equals not too much horse riding. Also, as Larry being my "Old" friend some aches and pains have started showing up which also cut into his horseback riding. I'm sure that Larry and Spirit missed being out on the trail. For as long as I've known Larry

he's had Spirit. They knew the trails well and were a real aid to the park serving as goodwill ambassador and reporting

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Before And After - Gilbert Road **Bridge** 



In 2014 the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club built a new 1 ½ mile trail to a remote historic site to provide a new, easy hiking trail for park visitors and to access a site where. in 1864, the Federal Army placed 24 cannons to shell Confederate artillery on Little Kennesaw Mountain. The trail is known as the 24-Gun Battery Trail.

The trail was extended to Gilbert Road, a gravel road, to provide easy access to the site for those visitors who did not want to hike 1 ½ miles, and to provide for future extension of the trail into a large meadow in an area of more Federal earthworks and a future loop trail west of the site. To accomplish this, the Club built a wood bridge to span a small, intermittent creek and installed attractive stone steps up a slope to the road. As seen in the "before" photo, water and silt from Gilbert Road ran down the new trail onto the steps and caused water and mud to sit on the bridge causing the wood bridge to start to rot and causing difficulty for hikers to walk across the bridge during wet periods.

The first task was to stop the runoff from Gilbert Road from getting to the bridge. SCA excavated and built an armored rock bar and a trench to divert the Gilbert Road runoff away from the bridge into the creek. At the same time, the bottom row of steps was removed and reinstalled to slope away from the bridge so any water running down the steps would be diverted to the side rather than onto the bridge.

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#### Before And After... Continued from Page 1

SCA cut small ditches on the side of the steps to redirect the remaining runoff.

On the east side of the bridge SCA built two earth structures to divert water from flowing down the trail onto the bridge. With shovels and little brooms made out of pine straw, SCA cleaned the dirt off the bridge.

After a 5" rain, SCA returned to the site to touch up and "tweak" some of the prior work after seeing how it performed in a large rain.

Nearby, SCA repaired another set of steps that had come apart and was a potential hazard to hikers.

After another, smaller rain, all the work above proved to be working and provided a sustainable solution to a trail problem.

#### Bill Gurry





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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!









#### **KMTC Annual Business Meeting**

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's Annual Business Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 starting at 10:00AM in the Education Room at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center. New Club Officers/Directors will be elected and installed for the coming year, select Directors will report on their activities for the year past, new changes/updates to the Club By-Laws will be presented for consideration/vote, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities will be provided.

Per our current By-Laws, all Voting Members (Officers, Directors, Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders) and Community Volunteers (individuals who have participated in, at least, one club event/activity during the current calendar year) are welcome to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

The nominees for election to office for the 2018 – 2019 year are:

President Don Olds Vice-President TBD Secretary Bob Brier

Treasurer Tom Okenberg

Trails Director

Communications

Community Volunteers

Trail Ambassadors

Invasive Plants

Bruce Rugg

Fred Feltmann

Rena Bailey

Janie Brier

Danny Leigh

Program Planning Jay Haney
Fundraising Scott Mackay
Technology Jerry Givan

Historian TBD

#### A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2017 (October 2016- September 2017 and Fiscal 2018 (October 2017- Present):

#### FY 2017

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB ALIATOONA HS NJROTC AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL BENCHMARK PHYSICAL THERAPY BETA ALPHA PSI (KSU) BOY SCOUT TROOP 252 BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS BSA TROOP 703 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CAMPBELL HS BETA CLUB CUB SCOUT PACK 11 CUB SCOUT PACK 405 CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB HILIGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC HOME DEPOT INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (SMYRNA) KEEP COBB BEAUTIFUL KENNESAW MIN HS NJROTC KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB KING'S ACADEMY JROTC KSII KSU DELTA SIGMA PI KSU HONORS BETA CLUB McEACHERN HS BETA CLUB NORTH ATLANTA CHURCH POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY RANSTAAD TEMPORARY STAFFING VENTURE CREW 75 VOLUNTEER KSU WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

#### **FY 2018**

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU

BSA TROOP 75
BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA
BSA TROOP 1011
CAMPBELL HS
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS AP MAGNET
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS
KSU

KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
KSU PHI SIGMA PI
PACK 405, McEACHERN UMC
PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY
SERVICE DAY - KSU
SWINERTON CARE CREW
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS
VENTURE CREW 540
VOLUNTEER KSU
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC



The following groups participated at our August Work Day:

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
BSA TROOP 797
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
WALKER SCHOOL

We had a total of 85 volunteers participate this past month, along with our crew leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board Members.



#### September 8, 2018 Work Day Plan

Work for this month will be removing fencing on Old 41, Stilesboro Road, and at the Visitor's Center, and moving it to the storage yard near the CCC camp to prepare for new fence, and tweaking some areas of the lower Mountain Trail near the Visitor Center. We'll gather at the amphitheater near the Visitor Center by 8:30 am on the 8th.

#### Our Vendors Also Provide A Valuable Resource

We, as a Trail Club, rely on our vendors to provide services that we can't do on our own, such as maintaining our tool inventory. From time to time our tools get damaged and have to be repaired. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Puzio's Iron Studio for their efforts to help us maintain a set of quality tools for our fellow volunteers.

## **Greener Pastures and Old Friends Continued from Page 1**

any issues to the rangers, park maintenance and the Trail Club. It should be noted that while many visitors were enjoying events at the park Larry and Spirit were being ever vigilant, out patrolling far away sections. In other activities Larry and Spirit would stand by while Brad, Phillip or others would give talks over by the Illinois Monument. Larry liked to feel as though they were performing crowd control (wishing that more people were in the crowd; good thing was that with them being there no one ran through the gatherings).

Which brings to mind; if y'all don't know Larry and his horse; well, they're both rather large. Many times they participated in school programs and it was truly an awesome sight watching the youngsters' amazement upon seeing that huge horse and big Larry - seeming to be at least twelve feet high. Gentle giants in the truest sense of the word (but they both were gruff and snorted when something out of line was noted). Larry and his wife, Sherry, who is

also a Trail Ambassador and park volunteer, often worked together showing Spirit. And Sherry certainly had an active role in caring for Spirit; Sherry often talked about how they drove to Canada to get her, a young horse and how she'd grown over the years.

So when Larry decided that it was time to stop riding she supported his decision and helped with the move. I'm

sure that it was hard to let Spirit go. But maybe not too hard as when they went to the corral to get things together a big fly stung Spirit and she moved so fast that she knocked Larry into a fence and onto the ground and then of course looked at him and snorted. Not injured too much but enough to let Larry know she needed to go to a new home. Larry got the horse trailer all fixed up for the move and a few days later got Spirit loaded and then his truck wouldn't start. Thankfully the lady who Larry gave Spirit, came with her truck and away they went. Spirit now has a new barn home,

big pasture and other horses to be with. Very nice place were children visit and she is free to run and rule the roost. Happily Larry and Sherry report that she feels right at home,

The trailer is sold and now Larry is also selling his truck (that truck is another story). I'm sure that we all enjoyed seeing Larry and Spirit out on the trails and with Sherry helping with one of the parks many programs. We'll miss seeing them but they set the standard of goodwill and unselfish service which will be hard to match, but hopefully and surely performed by others in the future.

Spirit enjoy retirement; Larry and Sherry thanks from all of

your trail and park fans.

#### Doug Tasse









#### 2018 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your "sweat equity" alongside our 40+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018 big "ask". We need your help with this, even small donations help.

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think '15', like \$15... \$30... \$45..... \$150... \$1500. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, "The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.". There are several ways to donate:

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <a href="http://www.kennesawmoun-taintrailclub.org">http://www.kennesawmoun-taintrailclub.org</a>
- Subscribe to Amazon "Smile" where they will donate to us based on your purchases
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club\*

Attn: Tom Okerberg

Whitlock Accounting Services

739 Kennesaw Avenue NW

Marietta, Ga. 30060

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

\* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



	Keni	nesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar		
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
September, 2018				
	9/8	8:00 am - 12 pm	Visitor Center Amphitheater	Trail Work Day
	9/15	10:00 am - 12 pm	Education Room Visitor Center	Annual Business Meeting
	9/22	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	National Public Lands Day

October, 2018

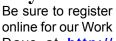
10/13 8:00 am - 12 pm **TBD Trail Work Day** 

November, 2018

11/10 8:00 am - 12 pm TBD **Trail Work Day** 

> Be sure to look over the September Activities listed on pages 14 and 15 that are being presented by the National Park Service at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park during the month of August.

## Register for Our Work Davs!



Days at <a href="http://">http://</a>

Formerly VolunteerSpot

signup.com/go/VvavYQi. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



#### Mark Your Calendars! **Upcoming Work Day Schedule:**

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. Registration will open at 8:00 am at the Parking Lot on Old Highway 41 and usually we are finished by 12:00 p.m. We will meet at the Outdoor Amphitheater near the Visitor Center - please arrive there by 8:30 am. It is a 5 - 10 minute walk from the Old Highway 41 Parking Lot. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes. Long pants are Highly recommended.

If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: www. kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at kmtctrails@ kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

#### **Kennesaw Mountain Landis**

From a KSU oral history of Gloria Taylor done by Dr. Tom Scott

Yes, and my husband is originally from Albany, Georgia. He's an only child. TS: "All-ben'ny." GT: Yes. I don't say it correctly [laughter]. You're right! A job at Georgia State became available in their music



industry program, and he was successful in getting that appointment, so we moved. As they say, the rest is history. It's been awhile—eighteen years. TS: So it was '87 that you came? GT: He came in '87. I stayed back in Pennsylvania because he wanted to try it out-"Do I really want to do this?" This was a big move, and I said, "Well, I want to do this over here in public health, this administrative job. But he loved it, and it was an opportunity to come back to Georgia. With him being an only child and with his parents aging, it was the best decision. TS: Did you have any apprehension about moving to Georgia? GT: Yes. I didn't know very much about Georgia, and people would say to me, "Where are you moving? Where are you going to be working?" I said, "At a place called Kennesaw State University." They'd say, "What? Where's that?" I'd say, "I don't know! It's outside of Atlanta" [laughter]. My public health director said, "I know Kennesaw. He was the first commissioner of baseball." TS: Kenesaw Mountain Landis. GT: I said, "Oh my gosh, somebody's heard about this place." I'm not sure Kennesaw is named after him. TS: Well, no, actually it worked the other way around. His father [Dr. Abraham L. Landis] was a physician in the Union Army at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, and he was from Ohio. Sherman's army was mainly a Midwestern army. Dr. Landis lost a leg at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. So when a son was born two years later in 1866, Dr. Landis and his wife Mary named the child Kenesaw Mountain Landis. But they didn't spell it right. They spelled it with one "n"—Kenesaw Mountain Landis. But that's the connection. GT: Okay. TS: But Kenesaw Mountain Landis did come down here and visit the mountain once after he was famous as baseball commissioner. GT: Oh that is something. Now the story is complete. I've always wondered about that.

Kenesaw Mountain Landis was an American jurist who served as a federal judge from 1905 to 1922 and as the first Commissioner of Baseball from 1920 until his death.

#### **Wikipedia**

Born: November 20, 1866, Millville, OH Died: November 25, 1944, Chicago, IL Appointed by: Theodore Roosevelt Spouse: Winifred Reed (m. 1895) Hall of fame induction: 1944

**Movies: The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg** 

#### **Abraham Landis**

Civil War Union Army Surgeon. He was mustered in as an Assistant Surgeon in the 35th Ohio Volunteer Infantry on November 13, 1862. He was severely wounded at the June 1864 Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia, and was honorably mustered out on September 27, 1864.



Abraham Landis, a 41-year old doctor from Millville, Ohio, joined the 35th Ohio Volunteer Infantry as an assistant surgeon in November 1862. A man of strong beliefs, Landis enlisted out of patriotism and ardent abolitionist sentiments. At the battle of Chickamauga in September 1863, Landis and fellow 35th Ohio surgeon Charles Wright were at the division field hospital set up over two miles behind the lines at Cloud's Farm. On the morning of September 20, rebel cavalry stormed the hospital. While some doctors abandoned their patients to the enemy, Landis and Wright continued to treat the wounded in their charge and were captured. The Confederates promised the Union doctors that they would be allowed to continue their work unmolested but no help was provided. Landis was deeply frustrated by his inability to do anything for the wounded men around him. The rebels did provide small amounts of food, but not until an exchange of the wounded was arranged a week after the battle did conditions begin to improve. After the exchange of wounded, Landis and the other surgeons were taken to Libby Prison (see Places page) where they were confined until being exchanged toward the end of November He rejoined the 35th Ohio in time to treat wounded from the battle of Missionary Ridge. At Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia, in June 1864, a ricocheting cannonball broke Landis' leg and put him out of the war for good. Landis returned to Millville to raise his five sons, all of whom became remarkable men in their own right. Charles B. Landis was elected to the United States House of Representatives six times. Frederick Landis became an author, newspaper

publisher, and served two terms of his own in Congress. Walter Kumler Landis was a journalist and the first United States Postmaster for Puerto Rico. John Howard Landis taught medicine at University of Cincinnati and served as a public health inspector. Kennesaw Mountain Landis, named after a place his father could never forget, became the best known member of the Landis family when he accepted a position as the first commissioner of major league baseball. --

Birth: Feb 14, 1821 Death: Nov 9, 1896 (75)

Jay Haney



#### **Marietta Daily Journal Front Page Article - 8/13/18!**

Thanks, MDJ!

## Local students pitch in on Kennesaw Mountain trails

By Ross Williams

Start walking down the trails at Kennesaw Moun-tain National Park, and before long the sounds of the human world fade away until even-tually, you hear nothing but the birds and insects.

But ironically, maintaining the trails' natural tranquility requires a good deal of manpower, which is where the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club comes in. The volunteer group meets on the second Saturday of every month to make sure hikers, runners and equestrians can focus on the scenery rather than litter or difficult trails. This weekend, 82 Navy

JROTC cadets from Hill-

*In addition to the 3* 

to one and all who come out each month to

volunteer their time to

make the use of the trails

at Kennesaw Mountain

Park a more enjoyable

National Battlefield

experience.

High School NJROTC

groups, we had members of BS Troop 797 and the

Atlanta Outdoor Club on

hand to help out. Thanks



grove, Allatoona and Ken-nesaw Mountain high schools showed up to keep the Kolb Farm West Trail in shipshape.

A group of young men and women from Kennesaw Mountain were posted on a hillside, where they dug out water bars along the trail.

Water bars are shallow ditches that lead rainwater

off trails to prevent erosion. Leading the operation was senior Jamal Dean, who took a break from digging to talk to the MDJ.

SEE STUDENTS, A3



Mountain Trail Club members dumped crushed gravel onto the trail, and student volunteers spread it around with rakes and shovels. Left: Kennesaw Mountain Navy JROTC members dig a water bar to prevent the trail from washing away in the rain, part of their service with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail

Ross Williams

#### **STUDENTS**

From A1

"We've been doing this for years now," he said. "We clean up trails, do what-ever they need us to do. We make paths for when it rains because erosion starts to mess up trails so people can't run or walk, so we make trails better and we make it where rain can't get

down and erode the trails." Dean said the students first come up with a plan, then strike into the earth with shovels and pickaxes. They pile up the dirt and clay alongside the trench, careful to make the groove on the trail shallow enough not to trip up pedestrians. After that comes the fun part. As Dean spoke with the MDJ, his fellow cadets laughed as they hopped and stomped on the dirt to pack it down. Some incorporated dance moves into their dirt-packing procedures

"I love everything about this," Dean said. "It's hard work, it gets you active and you get to have fun while you're doing it.

Kennesaw Mountain sophomore Leilani Lopez agreed. She said Georgia clay is tougher to dig than she expected, but she is happy to wake up early on week

ends to help out on the trail "It's just kind of fun to do something to get out of the house, help out," she said. "I just like helping the com-



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club members dumped crushed gravel onto the trail, and student volunteers spread it around with rakes and shovels. / Ross Williams

munity out, and it's kind of fun when you do it with friends. You get to see your progress, what you've done, and you say 'Wow, we did this, we did this as a group.' It's pretty amazing."
The Kennesaw Mountain

group was scheduled to complete one water bar Saturday, but they finished with so much time to spare that trail club leaders showed them other spots where erosion could be a problem. In four hours, the group finished three water bars.

Further down the trail, cadets from Hillgrove and Allatoona were at work with shovels and rakes. Their job was to take crushed gravel dumped by other Trail Club

members in trucks and spread it along a causeway on the trail.

Each time a pedestrian came near, one of the stu-dents would shout "hiker!" and they all would stand aside to let the pedestrian

Allatoona sophomore Duncan Carter said the monthly excursions are a chance to put the Navy's value of honor, courage and commitment into practice. They're also a chance to spend quality time with fellow cadets

"It's a good bonding expe rience for them, it's really great, especially for our new cadets in the program, it lets them see new faces and

meet everyone that comes out here," he said. The club's trail director,

Bruce Rugg, said without volunteers like these students, nobody would be able to get out and enjoy the trails.

It would be overgrown (without them)," he said. The park is not staffed to maintain the trails. We do that. It would be overgrown and virtually unusable at times of the year. We spend a lot of man-hours out there.'

Anyone can volunteer with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. For more information or to sign up, visit www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

# JJ's Define You Dance Studio LLC Visits Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

There were 35 participants including leaders. Campers from the Dance Studio ranged in age from five to fifteen. We had a great couple of hours exploring the Environmental Trail and the Visitor Center picnic area.

Along the way:

- Campers identified more than 25 critters including deer, birds, insects and small animals.
- Focused discussion on how to identify poison Ivy and Oak. Thank you for those signs on the trail making identification easy.
- We reviewed the battle of Kennesaw Mountain and spent time examining the various cannons around the Visitor Center
- Walked through the concepts of nature's life cycle. Several campers knew immediately that the owl was the "dominate" critter at the top of the food chain
- We looked over one of the early homesteads where you are able to discern the covered well and very large hardwoods dominating the landscape.
- Enjoyed each others stories about previous visits to the "woods."

Overall everyone enjoyed the hike.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this Friday afternoon adventure! Regards,

#### Cam Graham



#### **Walker School Work Day Photos**

By Fred Feltmann









## Contact List - Updated 4/25/18

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#### **SCA Photos**

By Fred Feltmann, unless otherwise noted.



SCA worked on the Northern Hardage Mill Trail, the backside of Little Kennesaw, and cut about 3 acres of privet in the area of the Federal attack north of Cheatham Hill.

















# **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for September**

\*\*All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted.

Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.

## Everyday @ 1:00 pm Ranger Led Museum Tour

## September 1 @11:00 am - 11:30 am "Civil War Hygiene, Silent But Deadly"

Times were tough for the campaigning soldier in the 1860's. This 30 minute program focuses on the poor hygiene of the average soldier during the American Civil War and explores how this led to large casualty rates and widespread diseases.

September 2 & 3 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 'Artillery Demonstrations'

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working their positions. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

## September 8 & 9th @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm 'Cotton States Battalion Infantry Demonstrations'

Come out and enjoy a weekend of interactive living history demonstrations at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This program will consist of various infantry firing demonstrations as well as full unit maneuvers. Please note that musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

#### September 8 @ 11:00 am – 3:00 pm 'Civil War Music'

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Three Rivers Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

#### September 8 @ 8:00 am - 12:30 pm 'Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day'

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus miles of trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The workday for September 8 will meet at the Amphitheater near the Visitor Center Volunteers will park at the Old Highway 41 Parking lot. It takes approximately 5 - 10 minutes to get to the amphitheater.

The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club's website:

www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

## September 15 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm "Saturday Lecture Series: The War Outside My Window"

Come join editor and lecturer Janet Elizabeth Croon as she discusses the story of Leroy Wiley Gresham. Leroy was young man of 12, resident of Macon, GA, and began keeping a diary in 1860. Leroy's diary chronicles the rise and fall of the Confederacy from a very unique perspective. Janet edited and collected the journals into the book, "The War Outside My Window".

September 16 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 'Artillery Demonstrations'

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working their positions. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

## September 16 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm 'Cheatham Hill Guided History Walk/Talk'

Historian Stuart Berkowitz is leading a number of guided walks and history talks on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill. The walks last approximately an hour and are free of charge. No advance registration is required. *Please meet the historian at the Cheatham Hill Drive parking area near the Illinois Monument.* 

(Located at 649 Cheatham Hill Drive, Marietta)

**September 22** @ **11:00** am - **12:30** pm 'Guided Mountaintop Hike'
Join us for a ranger hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil
War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare
accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather-dependent.

#### September 23 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 'Infantry Demonstrations'

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

#### September 29 @ 11:00 - 11:30 'Civil War Sharpshooters'

With heritage dating back to Europe, the American sharpshooter has been a vital component of every American conflict. This program will discuss the history of the sharpshooter and the role these men played during the Civil War and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

September 30 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 'Artillery Demonstrations'

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working their positions. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

This event will be held at the 24-Gun Battery.

\*\* Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).

\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at <a href="www.nps.gov/kemo">www.nps.gov/kemo</a>

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